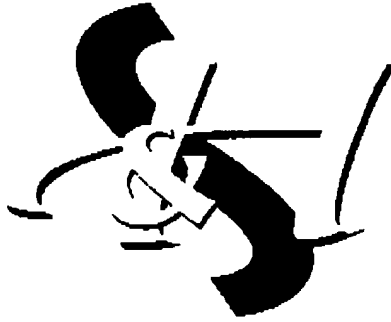


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In response to the non-final office action mailed December 15, 2005, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated January 30, 2006 (2 pages); and
- 2) Amendment B with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated January 30, 2006 (7 pages).

Very respectfully,

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicants are independent inventors.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Attn: Matthew J. Kohner, Art Unit 3653, (571) 273-8300, on January 30, 2006.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS


4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

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AMENDMENT B**Introductory Comments**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 12/15/2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 03/15/2006, the above-identified patent application is amended a second time as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.